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1. IF UNDER SECRETARY HABIB DOES VISIT IRAQ, AS FOREWARNED REFTEL, I WOULD HOPE HE WOULD CONSIDER EXTENDING HIS TRIP TO INCLUDE QUICK TOUR OF THE GULF STATES. IRAQ IS STILL THE BOGEYMAN DOWN HERE, WITH SOME GOOD REASON, AND DRAMATIC CHANGES IN BAGHDAD'S RELATIONS WITH USG BOUND TO GENERATE SOME NERVOUSNESS.

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2. WHILE BAHRAINIS UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARY'S WISHES TO OUR MAJOR FRIENDS IN THE AREA CANNOT EASILY BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OUR SMALLER FRIENDS, A VISIT BY SENIOR DEPT. OFFICER TO WHAT THEY SEE AS THEIR AND OUR "ENEMY" WHICH DID NOT ALSO INCLUDE THEM WOULD BE HARDER FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND. CLUVERIUS

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